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Letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to request your kind assistance in circulating as a document of the Security Council the statement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Georgia dated 25 October 2006 regarding the incident in Upper Abkhazia, Georgia (see annex).

(*Signed*) Irakli **Alasania**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Georgia

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Georgia expresses its deep concern regarding the incident in Upper Abkhazia in which the so-called Abkhaz armed forces, while conducting military exercises in Upper Tkvarcheli, bombed the vicinity of the village of Azhara by means of "Grad" rocket systems.

Luckily, the Minister of Interior of Georgia, Vano Merabishvili, who was present at the location, and his escort escaped injury.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Georgia considers this act a deliberate provocation with the aim of escalating tension in the conflict zone.

The Ministry expresses its strong protest over this provocation, which once again points to the culpable inactivity of the Russian peacekeeping forces and adds substance to the appropriateness of the position of the Georgian side on their presence in the conflict zone. At the same time, we view this incident as an attempt by the Abkhazia side to accomplish its aggressive plans, on which we have issued statements on more than one occasion.

In this regard, the Georgian authorities request the international community to give due consideration to such acts and undertake relevant measures to prevent their recurrence in the future.